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RHODE ISLAND'S NEW EXTENDED TIME POLICY FOR PARCC TESTING

Feedback from the field suggests that some students who are not eligible to receive extended testing time under the current PARCC policy could benefit from having extra time for PARCC testing. To provide flexibility and to reduce student stress, RIDE is establishing a Rhode Island-specific policy for extended time on PARCC assessments. As a reminder, the *current* PARCC consortium extended time policy, which applies only to students with disabilities and to English Learners, has not changed and these students will continue to be able to take full advantage of the PARCC consortium extended time policy.

Here is an overview of the new Rhode Island extended time policy for PARCC assessments:

1. The Rhode Island extended time policy is specifically designed for students ***without*** an IEP or 504 or who are ***not*** an English Learner.
2. **Students may be provided up to 50% extended time** for each PARCC testing unit. For example, if the unit testing time is 90 minutes, then the student can be given up to 45 additional minutes to complete testing. Once the additional 50% extended time has expired, students must stop testing. No additional time will be allowed.
3. As always, schools should still designate a *separate* testing location for students identified for extended time so their testing will not be disrupted.
4. Students *should* still be identified for extended time ***before*** testing begins and the decision should be made by a team of educators familiar with the student including the student (as appropriate) and his/her parents/guardians. However, for those students who were *not* identified in advance, schools must follow the same protocol (see bullet #5 below) used for other students with extended time and also document the use of this accommodation.
5. **Each** case in which the extended time accommodation has been assigned to a student must be documented in the PARCC Student Registration/PNP file in [PearsonAccess^{next}](#). RIDE has designated **Column AI** (*State Field 6*) in the PARCC Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) file for LEAs to document all students identified locally to receive extended time under this new policy. Simply put the letter “Y” in **Column AI** for each student (*without* an IEP/504 Plan and *not* identified as an English Learner) who required extended time to complete one or more PARCC testing units. Leave this column blank for all other students.

NOTE: For students with disabilities or for English Learners, LEAs will continue to document the extended time accommodation in the Student Registration/PNP file’s “Timing and Scheduling Accommodations for English Learners and Students with Disabilities” section (refer to student registration/PNP resources available in [PearsonAccess^{next}](#) under the “Support” tab and “Documentation” link).

As a reminder, **this policy *only* applies to the PARCC assessments.** [Rhode Island’s extended time policy for NECAP Science testing](#) remains the same as it always has been: All students are eligible for extended time (up to a full school day), irrespective of whether they have an IEP or 504 Plan or are identified as an English Learner *and* irrespective of whether or not they were identified for extended time *prior* to testing.

For additional guidance on this new policy or if you have any questions about the extended time accommodation, please contact Dr. Kevon Tucker-Seeley (401-222-8494; Kevon.Tucker-Seeley@ride.ri.gov).

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